



## Planning Commission - Staff Report

**Subject:** AMD2021-0006: Wildlife Feeding & Bear Conflict Area LDR Text Amendment

**Agent/Applicant:** Teton County

**Property Owner:** n/a; County-wide

**Presenter:** Ryan Hostetter, Principal Long-Range Planner

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

Proposal to amend the Teton County Land Development Regulations (LDRs), pursuant to Section 8.7.1, to amend Section 5.1.3, Wild Animal Feeding and add bear conflict standards within this section, and remove Section 5.2.2. Bear Conflict Area Standards. This amendment is made by the Teton County Planning Division at the direction of the Teton County Board of County Commissioners to update the Natural Resource Land Development Regulations in phases. The proposed amendments include standards for feeding of wildlife (prohibition), keeping of wildlife attractants, and removal of the bear conflict zones which would require bear proof trash containers countywide.

### **BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION**

#### *PROJECT DESCRIPTION*

This proposed text amendments include an update to both the Wild Animal Feeding and Bear Conflict Area regulations outlined in section 5.1.3 and 5.2.2 of the LDRs. The update includes additional requirements for securing wildlife attractants such as compost piles and food bearing gardens as well as requiring bear resistant trash enclosures countywide. The updates were a cooperative effort between the County Long Range Planning division, Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling, Wyoming Department of Game and Fish, Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, the Teton Conservation Alliance, multiple waste haulers in Teton County, and several interested members of the public.

#### *BACKGROUND*

The FY 2021 Work Plan includes a County assigned task to “continue with a status update and resource inventory for the Natural Resource Regulations Update”. A draft update of the Natural Resource Regulations was presented to the community in September of 2018 which included a comprehensive update to much of Article 5., including Div. 5.1 and 5.2 of the LDRs. The draft included updated sections for water quality, wildlife feeding, migration regulations, and tiered habitat designations for development to replace the Natural Resource Overlay (NRO) requirements. While this draft was released in 2018, the regulations were never adopted and continue to remain in draft form. Since then, the County has been on hold with regards to picking this project up until staff positions were filled and the work could continue.

On December 28, 2020, staff provided an update and strategy to continuing this work moving forward with the recent hire of additional staff to continue this project along with other projects outlined in the Work Plan. The proposal presented to the Commissioners in December of 2020 included breaking chapter 5.1 into topics for completion. Topics within LDR section 5.1 include Wildlife Friendly Fencing, Wildlife Feeding, Water Quality (in the form of development regulations and setbacks) and Air Quality. When presented to the Board of County Commissioners, the direction provided to staff was a near term completion of Wildlife Feeding, Wildlife Friendly Fencing, and Water Quality with more research and expertise needed to address the Air Quality section at another time. Staff are also working on the tiered habitat regulations which were separated out as a larger effort and will be presented at a later date.

To date, the Wildlife Friendly Fencing item has been approved by both the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners on November 2, 2021.

#### *LOCATION*

N/A; applies County-wide.

## **STAFF ANALYSIS**

A draft of the proposed text amendment is included as an attachment to this report and was released for public review on November 10, 2021 pursuant to the LDRs and Wyoming Statute §16-3-103.

### **SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES**

The proposed draft amendments include additional language within Sec 5.1.3 Wild Animal Feeding as well as moving the requirements from Sec. 5.2.2, Bear Conflict Standards into Sec. 5.1.3. The updated components of the new draft language include:

- Prohibition of feeding for *all* wildlife, not just the listed species in the current section which are – antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, bobcats, black bears grizzly bears, mountain lions ,lynx, wild bison, wolves, coyotes, foxes and racoons
- Food and fruit bearing gardens shall be properly fenced and maintained
- Bird feeders shall follow design requirements at all times of the year
- All trash shall be stored in a certified bear resistant container or dumpster countywide
- Construction sites shall have bear resistant trash containers
- Additional language for ensuring attractants are kept in bear resistant enclosures such as grease from food service, chicken coops and feed, apiaries, compost, livestock and fish food
- Design requirements for bear resistant enclosures included in LDRs

## **KEY ISSUES**

### **KEY ISSUE 1: Enforcement**

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One of the key issues the County has been hearing from members of the public include consistent enforcement of these LDRs. How can the County ensure that residents all have a bear resistant trash can when required? This question has come up several times including how can the County enforce exclusionary fencing around food bearing gardens, or how the County can enforce bird feeders? These are all valid questions and concerns which come up almost daily within the Planning Department.

Enforcement is handled under what is allowed by state law. Section 8.9 of the LDRs discusses the process the f Planning and Building Services Department uses to enforce the LDRs. We hear many people ask why the County Planning Department can't just impose fines or issue a citation when an enforcement issue comes up. The County has to follow an approved procedure and the Department does not have the authority to issue a fine. Fines can only be issued by circuit court after an abatement order is issued by the County. The LDRs walk us through the required procedures up to an abatement hearing process, and if the violation is not corrected once an abatement order is issued then the matter can be elevated to the courts. It is only through the court process that a judge can issue a fine if the matter has not been corrected following abatement. While this is a time consuming process, it has been set forth based on the explicit powers granted of the County through the State.

Generally, most violations are handled administratively once the Planning Director sends a notice to the land owner making them aware of the violation. It is extremely rare for a matter to elevate through a hearing up to the courts. Most code enforcement cases are complaint driven, meaning residents of the community submit a complaint to the Planning and Building Services Department for review. Enclose all food bearing gardens & Attractants

While much of the focus recently regarding bear conflicts has revolved around trash, and trash containers, the County, in working with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, has also been informed of other wildlife attractants which are just as impactful as trash containment. These other attractants include bird feeders, compost piles, chicken coops, apiaries, and other wildlife attractants. These items can lure wildlife into developed areas and train wildlife to frequent residential neighborhoods to forage for trash and other non natural harmful attractants. In an effort to limit these conflicts the draft LDR updates include new requirements for the

management and keeping of these attractants. While some of these may be a significant change for a landowner in a residential neighborhood, staff is recommending that these types of changes are necessary to more effectively limit human and wildlife conflicts. These changes include:

- Year round birdfeeder design and hanging requirements
- Specific requirements for bear resistant enclosures, buildings or fencing
- Fencing for keeping of food bearing gardens, compost piles, chicken coops and animal feed

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*KEY ISSUE 2: Countywide bear resistant trash enclosures*

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One of the most discussed community issues recently surrounds the use of bear resistant trash cans and dumpsters. Currently bear resistant trash cans are required throughout the County except for some areas south of town and east of South Park Loop Road as well as areas just north of town between Spring Gulch Road and Highway 89 just south of Sagebrush Dr. The current LDRs contain “conflict priority areas” (CPA) within an approved map where CPA 1 requires bear resistant trash cans and CPA 2 does not. The LDRs state that an update to this map shall be deemed necessary by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department based on “black bear and grizzly bear observations, occupancy trends, and habitat quality, but shall not necessarily be revised solely due to changes in the frequency or number of conflict incidents reported in Teton County.” The Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) has submitted a letter dated November 18, 2021 stating that there has been an increase in conflicts with not only black bear but grizzly bear throughout the County. These conflicts exist countywide including within those areas which currently do not require a bear resistant trash cans (CPA 2). The request based on this information is that the County eliminate the separate conflict areas in order to adopt consistent countywide trash receptacle requirements.

Staff has reached out to local waste haulers including coordinating with Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling (ISWR) regarding this change. A few issues were discussed including a current lack of supply for new bear resistant cans and dumpsters, the cost of bear resistant cans (approx. \$400 vs. \$80 for conventional residential can), and coordination with the County’s Pay-as-you-Throw program. Staff is recommending a phase in period to allow residents time to prepare for this change. This may help for residents who are not able to obtain a bear resistant can immediately, or who may not be able to afford a can right away. In addition, there has been a lot of interest from local non profits regarding assisting with the cost or procurement of bear resistant cans. Staff recommends that this change not become effective for one calendar year from adoption of the LDR amendment. With this, we believe the major issues brought up could be handled. In addition, the Pay-as-you-Throw Program could be implemented with bear resistant cans as well.

The Pay-as-you-Throw Program is a way for customers to pay a smaller fee for their waste if they don’t generate as much trash from their household. The intent is that residents are incentivized to create less waste as it will cost them less for curbside service if they don’t produce as much garbage. This type of program could be conducted through utilizing different size trash cans (i.e. pay less for smaller can) or haulers providing an alternative pick up schedule (rather than each week, a pick up could be every other week). ISWR worked with a student program from University of Wyoming to investigate different ways that the Pay as you Throw program could be implemented and it would not have any impacts to bear resistant cans. Based on review of the programs in other communities and in discussion with ISWR, the preferred method is to initiate Pay-as-You-Throw utilizing an alternate schedule and with bear resistant cans. In time, Pay-as-You-Throw could be further implemented using different sized bear resistant trash cans. Therefore there should be no impacts to the Pay-as-You-Throw program moving forward.

## **STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS**

### ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

All written public comments received as of the publishing of this report are attached.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW**

A draft of the proposed amendment was sent to the following departments for comment: County Public Works, Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling, Wyoming Department of Fish and Game, and the local National Parks staff which specialize in wildlife conflicts. All reviews received from other departments and advisory agencies are incorporated into the draft LDR amendment or are attached.

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### ***PLANNING DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION***

The Planning Director recommends **APPROVAL** of **AMD2021-0006**, as presented in the draft attached dated December 6, 2021, with no conditions based on the findings recommended below.

### ***PLANNING DIRECTOR RECOMMENDED FINDINGS***

Pursuant to Section 8.7.1.C. of the Land Development Regulations, the advisability of amending the text of the LDRs is a matter committed to the legislative discretion of the Board of County Commissioners and is not controlled by any one factor. In deciding to adopt or deny a proposed LDR text amendment the Board of County Commissioners shall consider factors including, but not limited to, the extent to which the proposed amendment:

*1. Is consistent with the purposes and organization of the LDRs:*

*Division 1.3: Purpose and Intent: Based on the legislative discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, these LDRs are in accordance with the Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan. Their purpose is to implement the Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the community with the intent listed below.*

*1.3.1. Implement the Community Vision: Preserve and protect the area's ecosystem in order to ensure a healthy environment, community, and economy for current and future generations.*

*1.3.2. Implement the Common Values of Community Character*

*A. Ecosystem Stewardship*

*1. Maintain healthy populations of all native species and preserve the ability of future generations to enjoy the quality natural, scenic, and agricultural resources that largely define our community character.*

*2. Consume less nonrenewable energy as a community in the future than we do today.*

*B. Growth Management*

*1. Direct future growth into a series of connected, Complete Neighborhoods in order to preserve critical habitat, scenery and open space in our Rural Areas.*

*2. The Town of Jackson will continue to be the primary location for jobs, housing, shopping, educational, and cultural activities.*

*C. Quality of Life*

*1. Ensure a variety of workforce housing opportunities exist so that at least 65% of those employed locally also live locally.*

*2. Develop a sustainable, vibrant, stable and diversified local economy.*

*3. Residents and visitors will safely, efficiently, and economically move within our community and throughout the region using alternative modes of transportation.*

*4. Timely, efficiently, and safely deliver quality services and facilities in a fiscally responsible and coordinated manner.*

*1.3.3. Implement the Illustration of Our Vision*

*A. Achieve the desired future character identified for each Character District.*

*B. Implement the policy objectives for each Character District.*

*C. Achieve the character-defining features identified for each Subarea.*

**1.3.4. Predictable Regulations, Incentives, and Allowances**

- A. Ensure standards are consistently applied to similar applications and circumstances.*
- B. Ensure landowners, the public, and decision-makers know the amount, location, and type of growth to expect.*
- C. Use data analysis and best practices to inform standards and implement the adaptive management philosophy of the Growth Management Program.*

**1.3.5. Coordination Between Jurisdictions**

- A. Implement the joint Town/County Vision through coordinated, supportive actions.*
- B. Maintain a common structure, format, and definitions in Town and County LDRs.*

**Div. 1.4. Organization of the LDRs:** These LDRs constitute the County's zoning and subdivision regulations. They have two organizing principles. Primarily, they are organized by zone in order to implement and emphasize the community's character-based planning approach. Secondarily, to provide ease of use, they are organized to answer three questions:

- *What can be built or physically developed?*
- *What uses are allowed?*
- *How can the land be developed or subdivided?*

**Can Be Made.** The purpose of this update to the LDRs is to further bring the wildlife feeding standards into compliance with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, specifically "Policy 1.1.d: Limit human/wildlife conflicts". The current LDRs do not include countywide requirements for bear resistant enclosures and fencing around food bearing gardens, compost, or trash containers countywide. This update recognizes the increase in bear conflicts as submitted from Wyoming Department of Game and Fish. Conflicts are prevalent countywide and therefore the request to require bear resistant trash containers is submitted for County approval. Additionally, these amendments address new points which have become an issue with human and wildlife conflicts. These additional conflicts include compost areas, food bearing gardens and plants, year round bird feeders, residential chicken coops and chicken feed and the keeping of apiaries. These proposed updates are intended to address not only the keeping of trash, but also other wildlife attractants which are prevalent in the County. By focusing on these items, the goal is that wildlife will be less likely to become habituated and attracted to urban areas, development, and manmade food attractants.

**2. Improves the consistency of the LDRs with other provisions of the LDRs:**

**Can be Made.** The updated wild animal feeding requirements are consistent with all other provisions of the LDRs. The proposed updates include added language which tie to other portions of the LDRs such as the newly updated fencing regulations related to small exclusionary fencing areas that are encouraged to protect wildlife from unhealthy attractants.

**3. Provides flexibility for landowners within standards that clearly define desired character:**

**Can Be Made.** The proposed updates do strengthen the wild animal feeding requirements. Landowners will be able to continue to plant and manage fruit/food bearing gardens, use bird feeders, and compost, however there are additional requirements for the management of those items. The new LDRs include options and flexibility for how a landowner can comply depending on their situation (i.e. hard enclosures vs electric fencing).

**4. Is necessary to address changing conditions or a public necessity and/or state or federal legislation:**

**Can Be Made.** This amendment of the LDRs is proposed due to increased human wildlife conflicts within Teton County as presented by Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Due to these changing conditions WGFD is recommending the removal of the Conflict Priority Areas and requiring bear resistant trash containers countywide.

*5. Improves implementation of the Comprehensive Plan; and*

**Can Be Made.** This proposed amendment of the LDRs is intended to implement the ecosystem stewardship Common Value One outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, Policy 1.1.d asks to limit human and wildlife conflicts which is exactly what this LDR amendment is intended to do. In addition, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has submitted evidence which shows that conflicts have been increasing, therefore this LDR amendment is also proposed to influence this trend, and reduce conflicts per the Policy and Principle of the Comprehensive Plan.

*6. Is consistent with the other adopted County Resolutions.*

**Can Be Made.** No apparent conflict or relationship to other County Resolutions was identified by staff in this review.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Draft Amendment
- Letter from Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Public Comment

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move to recommend **APPROVAL** of **AMD2021-0006**, as presented in the draft dated December 6, 2021, to amend Section 5.1.3, Wild Animal Feeding and add bear conflict standards within this section, and remove Section 5.2.2. Bear Conflict Area Standards, being able to make the findings of Section 8.7.1 . as recommended by the Planning Director.

Sec. 5.1.3. Wild Animal Feeding (~~strikethrough~~ is removed text and underline is proposed text)

[The proposed language below will replace the existing Sec. 5.1.3, Wild Animal Feeding and Sec. 5.2.2, Bear Conflict Area Standards]

A. **Findings.** The feeding of ~~those animals listed below~~ wildlife by humans creates one or more of the following risks:

1. Attracts ungulates to residential areas, which poses a significant threat to human safety and domestic pets animal safety and can increase the incidence of wildlife-vehicle collision;
2. Attracts large predators to residential areas, which poses a significant threat to human life or domestic pets animals;
3. Promotes unnaturally high concentrations of animals, which in turn:
  - a. Increases the potential for disease transmission,
  - b. Promotes overuse of certain habitats,
  - c. Disrupts natural animal migration;
4. Promotes unnatural wildlife behavior, such as the frequenting of residential areas and coming into harmful or threatening situations with humans, and resulting in habituated ~~which can result in~~ nuisance animals and, in some cases, these animals must, which have to be relocated or destroyed, often at public expense, when they frequent residential areas or otherwise come into harmful or threatening contact with humans; and
5. Detracts from the wild spirit of the animals.

B. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this Section is to prevent and mitigate conflicts between humans and wildlife in Teton County by establishing wildlife feeding and bear-attractant standards for residential and nonresidential uses. The intent of this Section is to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the public and wildlife by:

1. Reducing the attraction of ungulates to residential areas, and thereby lessening the significant threat to the safety of humans safety and domestic animals pets;
2. Reducing the attraction of large predators to residential areas, and thereby lessening the significant threat to the safety of humans life and domestic animals pets;
3. Reducing unnaturally high concentrations of animals, thereby lessening reducing the potential for disease transmission, the overuse of certain habitats, the disruption of natural animal migration, wildlife vehicle collisions, and the domestication habituation of wild animals;

4. Discouraging unnatural wildlife behavior, thereby reducing the number of nuisance animals that have to be relocated or destroyed when they frequent residential areas or otherwise come into harmful or threatening contact with humans and domestic animals; and
5. Respecting the wild essence behaviors of the animals' nature.

**C. Prohibition**

~~No person shall knowingly or intentionally provide supplemental feed attractants to the following animals, unless specifically authorized by an agency of either the State of Wyoming, or the United States of America: antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, bobcats, black bears, grizzly bears, mountain lions, lynx, wild bison, wolves, coyotes, foxes and raccoons.~~

1. ~~Supplemental Feed Attractants. Supplemental attractants are any human food, pet food, hay, forage product or supplement, grain, seed or birdseed, garbage, or other attractant made available to the following animals: antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, bobcats, black bears, grizzly bears, mountain lions, lynx, wild bison, wolves, coyotes, foxes and raccoons.~~

**D. Exemptions**

~~A person engaged in any of the following activities is not subject to liabilities under this Section:~~

1. The normal feeding of livestock and/or the practice of raising crops and crop aftermath, including hay, alfalfa and grains, produced, harvested, stored, or fed to domestic livestock in accordance with normal agricultural practices as defined in Sec 6.1.3.B; or
2. The cultivation of a lawn and/or garden, and/or the feedings of songbirds wherein which the bird food is made unavailable to any wildlife except songbirds. ~~The animals specified in the prohibition of this regulation~~ Wildlife for these purposes is defined by WY Statute§ 23-1-102 (West).
3. A finding that the land was taxed as agricultural land shall create a presumption that the alleged feeding is exempt from this regulation.

**E. Standards**

1. **Supplemental Feeding Prohibited.** ~~No person shall knowingly or intentionally provide supplemental feed to any wildlife species, with the exception of songbirds, unless specifically authorized by an agency of either the State of Wyoming or the United States of America. Supplemental feed includes any human food, pet food, hay, forage product or supplement, grain, honey, seed or birdseed, salt or mineral licks, or other supplemental feed made available to wildlife.~~
2. **Wildlife Attractants Prohibited.** ~~No person shall allow for the unintentional attraction and feeding of wildlife by allowing access to attractants on their property, including pet food, garbage, seed or birdseed, or other attractant made available to wildlife.~~

3. **Gardens.** Fruit and vegetable bearing non-agricultural exempt gardens (such as crabapple trees, berries or gardens containing food), shall not be attractive to wildlife. Food and fruit bearing gardens shall be properly fenced and maintained with exclusionary fencing such as electric wire to prohibit wildlife from entering and obtaining food rewards. All exclusionary fencing shall be properly maintained and comply with the requirements of Div. 5.1.2 for exclusionary fencing.
4. **Bird Feeders.** Birdfeeders shall be hung at least 10 feet from the ground, deck, railing or surface and 4 feet from any structure, tree or limb and should have a catch pan attached directly underneath the feeder that is 4 inches larger in diameter than the widest diameter of the feeder itself.
5. **Bear-Resistant Standards**
  - a. **Bear-Resistant Trash Container Required.** Beginning 1/1/2023, all trash shall be stored in a certified bear-resistant container or dumpster.
    - i. A certified bear-resistant container or dumpster is one that meets the “minimum structural design standards” published by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) in 1989 or has successfully passed the testing program and protocols recited in the Bear-Resistant Products Testing Program (October, 2005). A list of certified bear-resistant containers and dumpsters and the manufacturers that produce these products is available in the Teton County Planning and Development Department and at this website, <http://igbconline.org/bear-resistant-products/>.
    - ii. If trash is transferred from the property to the trash transfer station or landfill directly by the property owner or property lessee, trash may be stored in another container as long as the container is stored in a bear-resistant building or enclosure at all times while on the property.
    - iii. All trash receptacles at construction sites for trash that includes food, food wrappers, or other bear attractants shall be bear-resistant. Containers shall be kept closed and latched at all times. Non-bear-resistant dumpster or trailer may be used to store construction trash that does not contain bear-attractants.
  - b. **Bear-Resistant Building, Enclosure, and Fencing Requirements**
    - i. The following attractants shall be stored exclusively inside bear-resistant buildings, fencing, or enclosures.
      - a). Grease storage containers and stored foods for nonresidential food/drink preparation and service;
      - b). All backyard chicken operations including chicken food storage;
      - c). Apiaries;
      - d). Food compost containers or piles;
      - e). Livestock and fish food.
    - ii. A bear-resistant building or enclosure is one that consists of and/or contains:

- a). A framed building, fencing or enclosure with hard sides and a roof constructed of hard wood, non-reflective metal or other like product reasonably designed and manufactured to withstand an intrusion by a bear; or
- b). Chain-link fencing no less than 6 feet in height, at the top of which is barbed wire fencing angled outwards that is fully enclosed including the top being fully covered; or
- c). Functional and maintained electric fencing designed to exclude bears; or
- d). A combination of the above; and
- e). Functional, maintained self-latching doors and gates, or doors and gates with locks.

EXAMPLE: Examples of bear-resistant enclosures include, but are not limited to, garages, metal sheds, houses, and electrified fencing designed to exclude bears or any other building designed and constructed to prevent access by bears.

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November 18, 2021

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Dear Mr. Hostetter:

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Department) recognizes and supports the need for increased food storage regulations and expansion of the bear conflict zone to the southern edge of Teton County. We greatly support this expansion based on increased conflicts between humans and black and grizzly bears in the southern portion of Teton County in recent years (Figure 1) and an overall increase of grizzly bear distribution through time (Figure 2) that essentially encompasses Teton County. The Department also supported these efforts in 2017.

We feel expansion of the bear conflict zone would enable greater consistency and understanding for the public and sanitation companies. It would also clarify enforcement of Teton County regulations to reduce wildlife conflicts and increase human safety and offer proactive foresight to reduce conflict potential into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this critical wildlife issue and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. King".

Rick King  
Chief, Wildlife Division

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Attachments

- Figure 1
- Figure 2

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Brad Hovinga, Jackson Regional Wildlife Supervisor  
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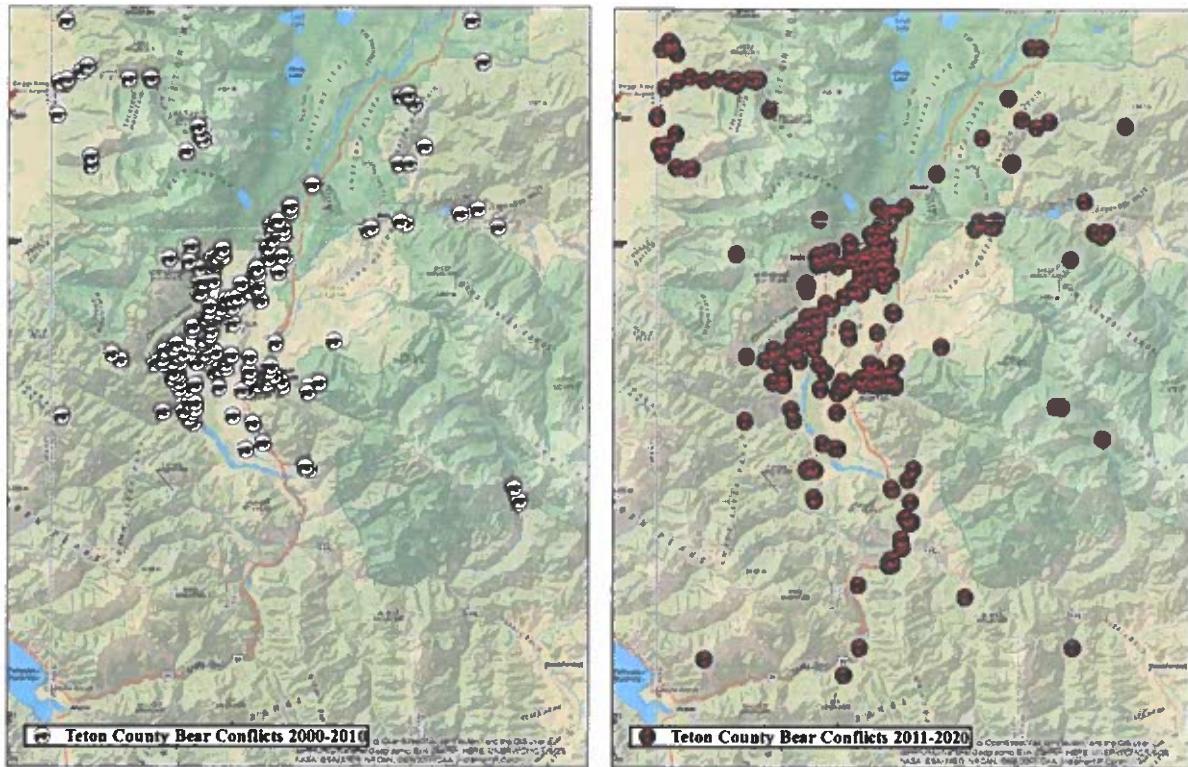


Figure 1. Verified bear (black bear and grizzly bear) conflicts in Teton County demonstrating southern expansion of conflicts and increased conflict potential.

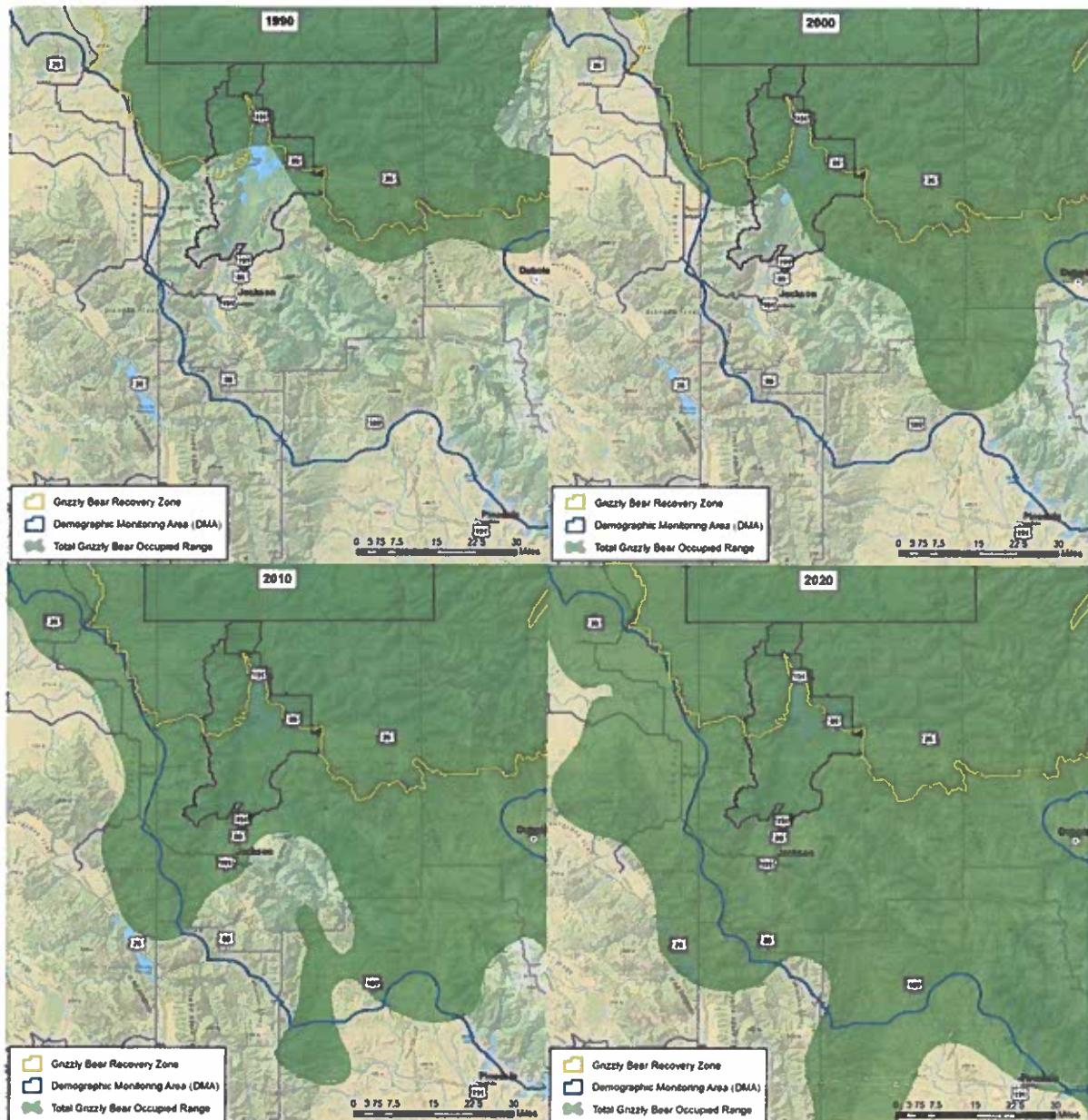


Figure 2. Occupied range of grizzly bears throughout the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, demonstrating increased distribution and expansion of beyond suitable habitats within the Demographic Monitoring Area and and increased distribution of grizzly bear occupied range in Teton County, WY.

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Bravo for drafting the proposed wildlife regulations. [Draft LDR text amendments](#) My wife and I are in full support of the changes as proposed.

We live in a very special place and if we are to preserve the wildlife that exists here, as well as maintain safety in our community, we need to update the regulations. The draft as proposed is very reasonable and needs to apply throughout the county.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

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I am a year-around resident and President of the HOA at Lost Creek Ranch. I also volunteer on the Wildlife Brigade for the Park, so am familiar with the challenges the county is facing with respect to wildlife and bears in particular.

I strongly support these new regulations. And want to thank you for a thoughtful and excellent draft.

Thanks for the great work, Jeff Willemain

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